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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action Mailed March 25, 2003 – FILING DATE GRANTED OF December 19, 2001, enclosed are the following items for the above referenced U.S. Patent Application:

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For your convenience, this transmittal letter is provided in triplicate. Should you wish to discuss this application with Agent for Applicant, please call Michael P. Hartmann at (713) 939-2749 or facsimile (713) 939-2856.

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Please find enclosed a copy of the novelty search report which has just issued, together with one copy of each of the cited documents.

Unfortunately, you will see that the examiner has cited all four documents under category X, indicating that they are of particular relevance to a number of the claims. I have not reviewed these in detail, but should you wish me to do so, please let me know.

The next stage will be publication of the application which will set the due date by which substantive examination must be requested and I will let you have details of publication in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sirs

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Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(5)

I enclose two copies of my search report and two copies of the citations.

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Yours faithfully

Kevin Hewitt Examiner









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Documents considered to be relevant: Relevant Category Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance to claims 1,19 X EP 0589586 A2 (HALLIBURTON) See especially resilient seal members 212, 212a in Fig. 2Q. X 1,2,5,8,1 EP 0531038 A2 (COOPER INDUSTRIES) See especially 1-14,19,20 resilient packer structure 58 in Fig. 3. 1,2,19 X EP 0272771 A1 (CAMERON IRON WORKS) See especially

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Figs 3 and 4.

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Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKCV:

E1F; F2B; F2G

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